

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims with the following listing:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A device for manufacturing a printing blanket comprising:

a sleeve forming station, the sleeve forming station forming a continuously axially-moving and manufactured base sleeve;

a sleeve translation device, the sleeve translation device translating the base sleeve in a continuously-axially moving fashion in a translation direction;

a liquid applicator located downstream of the sleeve forming station in the translation direction, the liquid applicator applying a radiation-curable radiation-curing polymer to the continuously axially-moving base sleeve; and

a radiation source located downstream of the liquid applicator in the translation direction, the radiation source curing the radiation-curable radiation-curing polymer on the continuously axially-moving base sleeve; and

a cutter located downstream of the radiation source in the translation direction, the cutter cutting the continuously axially-moving base sleeve into a desired length.

Claim 2 (original): The device as recited in claim 1 wherein the blanket is continuously formed.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The device as recited in claim 1 further comprising a second liquid applicator applying a second polymer over the radiation-curable radiation-curing polymer.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The device as recited in claim 1 wherein the radiation-curable radiation-curing polymer is a compressible liquid polymer.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The device as recited in claim 1 wherein the radiation-curable radiation-curing polymer is radiation-curable radiation-curing polyurethane.

Claim 6 (original): The device as recited in claim 5 wherein the radiation source is ultraviolet light.

Claim 7 (original): The device as recited in claim 1 wherein the radiation source is one of ultraviolet light and an electron beam.

Claim 8 (original): The device as recited in claim 1 wherein the base sleeve is rotatable.

Claim 9: (canceled).

Claim 10 (currently amended) A method for forming a tubular printing blanket comprising the steps of:

forming a continuously axially-moving base sleeve in a sleeve forming station;

translating the base sleeve in a continuously axially-moving fashion in a translation direction;

placing a radiation-curable polymer over a continuously axially-moving and manufactured the base sleeve downstream from the sleeve-forming station using a liquid applicator so as to form a layer of a printing blanket; and

curing the radiation-curable polymer on the base sleeve using a radiation source downstream of the liquid applicator; and

cutting the base sleeve into a desired length downstream of the radiation source.

Claim 11 (original): The method as recited in claim 10 further comprising rotating the base.

Claim 12 (original): The method as recited in claim 10 wherein the layer is a compressible layer.

Claim 13 (original): The method as recited in claim 12 further comprising providing a print layer over the compressible layer.

**Claim 14 (original):** The method as recited in claim 10 wherein the radiation curing polymer is radiation-curing urethane.

**Claim 15 (original):** The method as recited in claim 10 wherein the radiation source is a UV light source.

**Claims 16 to 20 (canceled).**